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Colleagues,

The devastating tragedy in Japan has shocked and saddened all of us. Today, our partners in Japan continue their heroic relief efforts, responding to one of the most intense earthquakes in recorded history. Many have lost their lives and thousands more remain missing. Large swaths of Japan remain without electricity and evacuation efforts continue.

The effects of this disaster can be felt even here in Massachusetts. Japan hosts thousands of Massachusetts residents, and we are home to more than 10,000 people with ties to Japan and a vibrant Japanese-American community. Lt. Governor Murray and I have been in close contact with representatives of the Japanese government and the office of Japan's Consulate General in Boston. We will work closely with our partners in Japan and do everything in our power to help Massachusetts residents ensure that their loved ones are safe.

The Japanese Consul General has compiled a number of resources for aiding those concerned about the situation in Japan; [please visit their website to learn more.](#)

As President Obama has stated, our nation stands at the ready to help our Japanese allies in this challenging time.

I encourage you to do what you can to help as well. Throughout our history, the people of Massachusetts have always rushed to help those in need. This profound tragedy deserves our overwhelming support and I hope you will consider supporting relief efforts by donating to the Red Cross. [Click here to support these important efforts.](#)

Our thoughts, prayers and deepest condolences go out to the people of Japan. Please join me and support relief efforts by distributing this message to your own email lists and community networks.

Thank you,

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